

Supervisor Romaine and Councilman LaValle Oversee Demolition of Dilapidated House in Centereach

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Farmingville, NY - On May 2, Supervisor Ed Romaine (left) and Councilman Kevin LaValle (right) were on hand for the demolition of a dilapidated, condemned house at 9 Callan Lane in Centereach. The house has been vacant for nearly 20 years and the source of numerous community complaints. It was demolished by the Town's Department of Waste Management in accordance with Chapter 73 of the Town Code which provides a "fast track" to rid neighborhoods of unsafe structures. The cost of demolition and debris removal is the responsibility of the property owner, and the Town places a lien on the property that is then placed on the tax bill. The County reimburses the Town and then they collect the money from the property owner.

Supervisor Romaine said, "Abandoned and unmaintained properties like this one are a threat to the quality of life in the neighborhood and bring down the value of all the homes in the area. The Town has made great progress by demolishing many of these eyesores over the past year and we continue to target and remove more of them throughout the Town."

Councilman LaValle said, "This property has been an eyesore for many years and I am happy that it has finally been removed. Nearly every community is affected by abandoned houses, but the Town is doing everything we can to get the owners to secure and maintain them, and if they do not, we will take action to clean it up ourselves."

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